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City to receive \$1.2 million grant for Fire Department

The City of Shreveport's Fire Department is set to receive a \$1.2 million federal grant.

U.S. Senator David Vitter announced today that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be awarding a \$1,240,910 grant to the Shreveport Fire Department for operations and safety improvements.

"The safety of our firefighters is our priority and this allows our Fire Department to secure the equipment necessary to safely fight fires," said Mayor Ollie Tyler. "We will continue to apply for competitive grants to enhance the services we provide for our citizens."

The Fire Department will be able to replace all 210 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) devices.

"The funds will provide much needed life-safety equipment and enhance safety which protects our firefighters in hazardous environments," said Fire Chief Scott Wolverton

The grant is a part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program and provides for strengthening the nation's preparedness and ability to respond to fires and related disasters. Funds will be used for purchasing of emergency equipment and training.

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